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1 PROTEIN (EGR-1) TO REDUCE VASCULAR INJURY IN

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 17, 2004 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to a February 17, 2004 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 17, 2004 Final Office Action was originally due May 17, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The required fee is \$210.00, and, a check for that amount is enclosed. With the two-month extension, a response to the February 17, 2004 Final Office Action is now due July 17, 2004. However, because July 17, 2004 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, July 19, 2004, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.